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SUBJ: GRAPEFRUIT/CARIBFLY MTGS IN TOKYO

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1. FOLLOWING IS OUR TRANSLATION OF THE DETAILED SUMMARY OF
THE SUBJECT MTSG.

2. (FULL TRANSLATION) QUOTE SEPT 27, 1974, SUBJECT: U.S.-

JAPAN TECHNICAL MEETINGS OF FLORIDA GRAPEFRUIT.

A. TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS REGARDING QUARANTINE
PROCEDURES ON FLORIDA GRAPEFRUIT WERE HELD AT THE JAPANESE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY (MAF) IN TOKYO DURING
THE THREE DAY PERIOD SEPT 25 THROUGH 27. THE USDA WAS
REPRESENTED BY A GROUP OF SIX SCIENTISTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE
PERSONNEL LED BY MR. ROBERT S. FITZSIMMONDS, DIRECTOR, INTL
MARKETING, FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE.
REPRESENTING THE MAF SIDE WAS DR. HIDEO FUKUDA, DIRECTOR,
PLANT QUARANTINE AND A GROUP OF SIX OTHER SCIENTISTS AND
ADMINISTRATORS.

B. BOTH SIDES EXPLAINED THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THEIR
RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS SINCE THE CARIBBEAN FRUIT FLY (CARIBFLY)
WAS FIRST DISCOVERED AT THE PORT OF TOKYO IN FLORIDA GRAPEFRUIT
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ON MAY 30, 1974.

C. THE U.S. SIDE MADE EXPLANATIONS ON THE CARIBFLY'S LIFE CYCLE, ITS DISTRIBUTION IN FLORIDA AND ITS MAJOR HOST PLANTS.

LIFE CYCLE: IT TAKES 25 TO 30 DAYS FROM THE TIME EGGS ARE LAID UNTIL MATURE FLIES DEVELOP. THEREFORE, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 8 TO 10 GENERATIONS ARE PRODUCED IN A ONE YEAR PERIOD.

DISTRIBUTION: ESTABLISHED INFESTATION OCCURS IN SOUTHERN FLORIDA UP TO THE ORLANDO AREA.

MAJOR HOST PLANTS: GUAVA, LOQUAT, SURINAM CHERRY, STRAWBERRY GUAVA, ROSE APPLE AND TROPICAL ALMOND.

D. REGARDING TREATMENT METHODS FOR CONTROL OF THE CARIBFLY, THE U.S. SIDE EXPLAINED THE RESULTS OF RESEARCH CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT EDB FUMIGATION PROCEDURES CURRENTLY USED ON ANASTREPHA SPECIES CAN BE APPLIED TO CARIBFLY (ANASTREPHA SUSPENSUS).

ACCORDING TO THE EXPLANATION, IT IS POSSIBLE TO KILL CARIBFLY COMPLETELY AT AN EDB DOSAGE OF 8 TO 16 GRAM PER CUBIC METER (DOSAGE VARIES DEPENDING ON TEMPERATURE AND QUANTITY TREATED).

E. BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED FUMIGATION RESEARCH, THE U.S. SIDE PROPOSED THAT PORTABLE FUMIGATION UNITS (GAS CIRCULATION EQUIPMENT) ESPECIALLY BUILT FOR USE IN SEMI TRAILERS BE USED IN ORDER TO MAKE THE TREATMENT METHOD FEASIBLE FOR COMMERCIAL SHIPMENT OF FLORIDA GRAPEFRUIT TO JAPAN. THE U.S. SIDE PRESENTED THE RESULTS OF RESEARCH ON FUMIGATION USING SUCH EQUIPMENT AND EXPLAINED THAT SOME RESEARCH ON THIS IS STILL BEING CONDUCTED. THE JAPANESE SIDE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE RESEARCH STILL UNDERWAY COULD BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE U.S. SIDE GAVE ASSURANCE THAT IT WOULD BE. THE JAPANESE SIDE RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT ALTHOUGH THIS RESEARCH IS NOT YET COMPLETED THE TEST RESULTS OBTAINED SO FAR INDICATE THAT THIS EQUIPMENT MAY POSSIBLY BE PUT TO PRACTICAL USE IN TREATING THE CARIBFLY.

FURTHERMORE, THE JAPANESE SIDE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE US WILL CONDUCT GAS CIRCULATION TESTS (I.E., TESTS TO CHECK CONCENTRATION OF GAS AT SEVERAL DIFFERENT LOCATIONS PERIODICALLY DURING FUMIGATION) USING A SEMI TRAILER UNDER NORMAL LOAD CONDITIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE U.S. SIDE AGREED TO THIS.

F. THE FOLLOWING FLOW CHART WAS MADE BY THE U.S. SIDE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONCERNING THE PLANT QUARANTINE INSPECTION PROCEDURES PROPOSED FOR FLORIDA GRAPEFRUIT DESTINED FOR JAPAN ONCE THE ABOVE MENTIONED FUMIGATION METHOD IS FORMALLY ACCEPTED.

(1) FROM FRUIT ORCHARDS TO PACKING HOUSE (INTERIM EXPORT INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION THEREOF WILL BE MADE AT THIS POINT).

(2) FROM PACKING HOUSE TO SEMI TRAILER.

(2) FUMIGATION IN SEMI TRAILER AT DESIGNATED CENTRAL

LOCATION (DONE UNDER OFFICIAL SUPERVISION WITH CERTIFICATION THEREOF;; SEMI TRAILER TO BE SEALED IMMEDIATELY AFTER FUMIGATION).

(4) TRANSPORT TO PORT (IN SEALED SEMI TRAILER)

(5) UNLOAD INTO PORT WAREHOUSE (OR DIRECTLY LOAD TO SHIP).

(6) LOAD ABOARD SHIP (PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE ISSUED AT THIS POINT).

THE JAPANESE SIDE ACCEPTED THE PROCEDURES WITH RESERVATIONS REGARDING THE POSSIBLE REINFESTATION OF THE FRUIT AT THE TIME THE SHIP IS LOADED.

FURTHERMORE, THE U.S. SIDE NOTED THAT THE SAME FUMIGATION PROCEDURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE FLORIDA GRAPEFRUIT TO BE EXPORTED TO JAPAN FROM PORTS OTHER THAN THOSE IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

G. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION, A LARGE AMOUNT OF MATERIALS CONCERNING RESEARCH RESULTS ON THE TREATMENT FOR MEXICAN FRUIT FLY, THE ECOLOGICAL SITUATION OF THE CARIBFLY, THE PRODUCTION OF CITRUS FRUIT IN FLORIDA AND OTHER PERTINENT MATERIALS WERE SUBMITTED AND EXPLAINED BY THE U.S. SIDE.

H. THE JAPANESE SIDE REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE U.S. SIDE:

(1) THE NAMES AND SIZES OF ORCHARDS IN FLORIDA WHICH HAD A HIGH INFESTATION OF CARIBFLY DURING THE 1973-74 SEASON.

(2) THE INSECTICIDE SPRAY SCHEDULE FOR CITRUS ORCHARDS IN FLORIDA.

(3) A REPORT ON TRAPPING RESULTS AT CERTAIN EXPORTING PORTS.

(4) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF USDA APPROVED FLORIDA STATE PLANT QUARANTINE INSPECTORS. (I.E., NUMBER OF QUALIFIED FEDERAL-STATE INSPECTORS IN FLORIDA)

THE U.S. SIDE AGREED TO FURNISH THIS INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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I. THE JAPANESE SIDE STATED THAT IF A FINAL AGREEMENT ON THE ISSUE CAN BE REACHED, IT SHOULD COME ONLY AFTER THEIR SCIENTISTS HAVE VISITED FLORIDA TO MAKE A SURVEY OF THE ACTUAL SITUATION THERE. SUCH SURVEY WILL FOCUS ON THE FUMIGATION METHOD, THE EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN FUMIGATION AND THE PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO PREVENT REINFESTATION OF FRUIT AFTER IT HAS BEEN TREATED, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN EXPLAINED BY THE U.S. SIDE AT THE MEETINGS. THE U.S. SIDE AGREED TO THE PROPOSED SURVEY. FURTHERMORE, IT WAS MUTUALLY RECONFIRMED THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS WOULD USE EVERY EFFORTS TO PREVENT FLORIDA GRAPEFRUIT FROM BEING SHIPPED TO OR IMPORTED INTO JAPAN UNTIL ALL PROCEDURES AND AGREEMENTS ON THE MATTER ARE FINALIZED. END QUOTE.

3. NEW SUBJECT: MAF INFORMALLY ADVISED AGATT THAT IT IS PROCEEDING WITH PLANS TO DISPATCH A THREE-MAN PQ TEAM ON/ABOUT OCTOBER 10 AND RETURN TO TOKYO BY OCTOBER 20 AS THEY WISH TO CONCLUDE THE PROBLEM ASAP.

CONSEQUENTLY, THEY WISH USDA IN COORDINATION WITH ALL CONCERNED TO DEVELOP ITINERARY WITH FIRST DAY ACTIVITY STARTING ON OCTOBER 11. THEY DO NOT MIND WORKING OS SATURDAY 12 AND COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY MONDAY 14 AS LONG AS AGREEABLE WITH U.S. SIDE.

FYI: OCTOBER 10 IS JAPANESE HOLIDAY.

4. MAF/PQ HAS ALSO REQUESTED U.S. SIDE TO FURNISH MR. KIYOMIYA TO ACCOMPANY AS INTERPRETER. THEY REALIZE COMPETENT INTERPRETERS MAY BE AVAILABLE IS U.S. BUT REQUEST KIYOMIYA BECAUSE THEY WANT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN FAMILIAR WITH PROBLEM FROM BEGINNING. AGATT FEELS THIS MOST IMPORTANT POINT AND RECOMMENDS FAS/W AUTHORIZE MR. KIYOMIYA TO ACCOMPANY TEAM UNDER USDA TA. IF AGREEABLE, PLEASE FASTO TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION ASAP. HODGSON

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